Mists of Memory.

Baleful mists of memory,
Veiling all the happy past,
Dimming old-time joy and glee!
Baleful mists of memory,
Shrouding love and sympathy
With a darkness that must last!
Baleful mists of memory,
Veiling all the happy past!

Loving mists of memory,
Veiling sorrows of the past—
Woes that came so bitterly!
Loving mists of memory,
Hiding ay, on life's fair sea,
All the wreckage shoreward cast!
Loving mists of memory,
Veiling sorrows of the past!

—The Quiver.

Some Words from Waterloo.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me? We the children of God acknowledge a risen Christ, the corner stone of the gospel, the resurrection morning the first day of the new creation. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is in your reasonable service. Rom. 12: 1. Follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 2 Tim. 2: 22. By making Jesus our leader and guide in fact, in much prayer and earnest work, and a full determination to devote our bodies, souls and spirits to the work of showing our unsaved friends the way to the foot of the cross and a life of sunshine and full of happiness, also that we Christians have a pleasant, social and as happy times as those who are unsaved and away from Christ. Let us strive to show the church the best and most pleasant place of any in the city or any other place for those good times we often hear spoken of, etc. We I trust are laboring for heaven and souls. My experience for the fourteen months I have been in the Brethren church has filled my heart to overflowing with gladness and much joy. I realize that I have wonderfully grown in grace and love my God and his people more. I thus far have found or acquainted myself with the Brethren church to find its people a power to the helping of one another in this Christian warfare. May the Brethren church press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3: 14, is my earnest prayer. Brethren please not ourselves but the God of patience and consolation grant us to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus that we may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 15: 5, 6.

Our much esteemed Bro. Henry Wise preached his farewell sermon last Sunday 7: 30 P. M., March 24. May the God of every good and perfect gift go with our dear brother in his new field. Our prayer is that the Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you forever. Amen.

Our beloved Bro. Ed. Hilderbrand will try by the help of the church in much prayer to preach to us Christ and him crucified. We beg a place in your prayers dear reader that our young brother may be used of God to preaching unto us the power of God unto salvation and to the saving of many precious souls in this part of the Lord's household. God bless you Ed. is the intense desire of our hearts.

I am made to rejoice each week as the EVANGELIST comes to my home with news of so many who have found Christ precious to their souls and willing to forsake all and accept the God of love and peace to work out their own soul salvation and make heaven their home when through living here. God help them and many more to make the noble confession before it is too late.

Therefore I am moved to write or to add to this list. Last September by a call near Shell Rock, Iowa, I held one meeting, or rather a Bible reading. At close of this meeting I was urged to make another appointment which was granted to meet with them in four weeks and have continued that now to the 17th of March; have had ten meetings since last September. The result is six conversions and three applications to unite with us, others are almost persuaded.

I ask an interest in your prayers in behalf of this people and myself. I notice on the label of the EVANGELIST for me to renew my subscription. I cannot afford to do without the EVANGELIST for it it is food to my soul and to others of my neighbors and friends. I make it my business to get it into three or four families each week and they express themselves very much pleased in the reading of its columns. Oh! brethren let us work for the harvest is great and the laborers are few.

My beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. 1 Cor. 15: 38. That we may say when done laboring here as Paul said.

I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Hencetorth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearings. 2 Tim. 4: 6, 8. If this frees the waste basket I will make another effort.

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New Birth.

Luke 8: 11.

The seed is the word of God. Jesus sowed the seed. Some fell on poor ground, (hearts) and some fell on good ground, (hearts) and His ministers are sowing the good seed today, and meet with the same difficulty as He did. Not all good ground however, some fall on good ground (hearts). The heart at the first reception of seed or word may be sinful, but it has a lodging place there, and the seed germinates. From whence is that seed? I argue from above, from the great store house of God that seed has been sown since the days of John the Baptist until now, and the seed has not diminished, and the germ is as strong and vigorous as at first.

Jesus tells Nicodemus 'Ye must be born again;' John 3: 7, or from above, that is just the kind of a birth that the sinner needs. Except a man be born of water, and of the spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God, 3, 4, and 5, verses. The seed is not always to lay in the bosom of men, and do no more than germinate. Pretty soon I intend to plant corn, but I would abominably hate to have the misfortune of planting seed corn that would be all summer a germinating or sprouting.

The seed in the good ground or heart of man, is like the germ of the grain of corn that we plant, it turns upward from whence it came. 1 John 5: 1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God. The Apostle was more liberal in his views concerning the spiritual birth than some of us are, he seemed to be an open hearted Christian when he saw a man confessing Christ, he seemed ready to say, that man is born of God. In this passage John sets forth faith, as our evidence that he is born of God, not that he should be born of God, but is born of God; not at the resurrection of the just in some future time, but in the present time, while we are capable of believing. 1 Cor. 15: 8. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. Paul argues here that he was born out of due time. I here take the proposition that Paul refers to his spiritual birth, which the context shows.

Again, for whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world. John 5: 4. Any being that is born of God, has the water and the spiritual birth, both are connected, they are inseparable. It seems to me to be unreasonable for us to be the children of God without being born of God. Rom. 8: 16. The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God; not will be, but are the children of God, and if children, then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

H. B. LEHMAN.

Christian Love and Faith.

BY CHARLES E. SHROCK.

Brethren I feel it my duty to write just a little on this subject, and ask a few questions, as I am young in the work. The werd Christian means a follower of Christ. I don't think a person could be a Christian, and serve the devil. He must serve one at a time. I believe most of us have served the devil awhile, and some of us are serving God. And my prayer is that they may serve God till the end of their lives, and they will receive a home in heaven. That is the way I want to be as long as I live, so as to meet them there. God is love I know. If we are Christians, we have brotherly love towards each other. This the Bible says we must have before we can receive a home in heaven. No man hath seen God at any time. But we can see him by faith and love. Glory to God. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfect in us, and we do testify that the Father sent the Son to be a Savior of the world. Herein is our love made perfect in us, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment because as he is, so are we in this world. He that feareth the devil or worldly people, for fear they will hear him make a mistake, is not made perfect in love yet. The Epistles tell us that as the end of the world draws near, there will be scoffers or persons who mock the Bible as though it were not true. They will say, if Jesus is coming again to judge the world, as the Bible says he is, why is he so long about coming? They will not believe the true reason that God is waiting to give wicked men time to repent, because he is not willing that any should perish, but that all should repent of their sins and have everlasting life. But although God has waited so long he will not wait always.

Now brethren I want to ask you one question and that is this: In the Bible Christ says, be ye holy as I am holy in all manner of conversation, and again, that we must be all in all like Christ before we can reach the kingdom of heaven. That is pretty strict. I asked some about it before, and they said it was a high mark set for us to strive and work to get to, or get near enough to get to heaven. How is it brethren? I believe it is all right, but I would like to know the ideas of others about it. I have been a soldier for Christ pretty nearly two years. Bro. Palmer baptized me. I will close by asking the prayers of all Christian people.

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Looking Back.

Many start upon the Christian way with their eyes fixed upon the goal, and with the determination to obtain the prize set before them, they firmly set their faces Zionward, and turn their backs upon the world and its allurements. With warm and honest hearts they engage themselves in the service of the Lord, and become earnest laborers in His vineyard. Smooth and pleasant is the way of the beginning, but the time comes when our faith must be tried. Then the allurements of the world, its temptations and the many annoyances of life, present themselves with greater force than ever before. Here we begin to be discouraged and lose our earnestness, and before we are aware of it are looking back, the plow is laid aside, the furrow is lost and we are again in the sins of the world.

Now Jesus said, no man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. What progress would the plowman make were he continually looking back? In order to accomplish our work, we must have our eyes on the furrow and our minds on the work, and with patience continue until the field is plowed. So it is with the Christian. We must have our eyes fixed upon Christ and the work to which we are called. We must look to God at all times with faith, regardless of the things of this world which we have previously left behind. We must press on or else we will render our Christian way a very imperfect one. We must not grow weary or allow ourselves to get cold and sluggish, for the sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold, therefore, shall he begin in the harvest and have nothing. So will it be with the Christian who becomes sluggish, whose hands relax and he looks back. The furrow becomes crooked, the soil is not properly prepared for the seed. Hence he will have nothing and shall beg in harvest.

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The great high-road of human well-being lies along the old highway of steadfast well-doing